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GICHI (STRETCH)

HMM...

ODDLY COMPLEX GAME, THIS.

I CAN'T UNDO IT...

ZA (CZSH)

HEY.

ABOUT THIS GAME YOU TAUGHT ME...

HAFF.

HAFF.

...IT TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH...

...YOU FOOL.

SOWA

SOWA

SOWA

SOWA (FIDGET)

SOWA

SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK?

NOT A BAD PIECE OF WORK, IF I SAY SO MYSELF.

...HMM. LOOKS THE PART, AT LEAST.

I SUPPOSE IT'S LIVABLE ENOUGH.

SO THIS WILL BE MY HOME STARTING TODAY...

HMM?

GIKU (SHUDDER)

THIS IS LARGER THAN WHAT I ORIGINALLY ASKED FOR, ISN'T IT?

DARA

DARA (SWEAT)

YOUUU...

DARA

JIII (GLARE)

HA HA H...

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU PLAYED DUMB THIS WHOLE TIME...

AW, BUT COME ON!

YOU PLANNED THIS FROM THE START, DIDN'T YOU!?

THAT'S WHY YOU BUILT A BIGGER HOUSE!

OH, I JUST THOUGHT A BIT MORE SPACE WOULD BE NICE FOR YOU... HA-HA-HA...

UGH!

LET'S JUST GO INSIDE!

WHO DO YOU THINK I AM!?

YES, MA'AM ...

I MEAN, NOW WE'RE...

WE'RE "US" AND EVERYTHING, SO...

Y'KNOW?

WHAT ...!?

IT'S NOT HURTING ANYTHING, IS IT?

OH, I LEFT IT THERE. SEEMED KIND OF MEAN TO UPROOT IT, SO...

KINDA CUTE, ISN'T IT? ALL BOLD AND HEALTHY.

WHAT'S THAT?

WHY'S THERE JUST ONE OF THEM BLOOMING RIGHT THERE?

HMPH...

SU (SHF)

...

YOU'RE ALL ALONE, HUH?

THAT DOESN'T BOTHER YOU AT ALL?

MM?

YEAH.

...CAN YOU HEAR WHAT IT'S SAYING?

KYOTON (PAUSE)

きょとん…

IT SAYS IT HAS ITS LONELY MOMENTS, YES.

WE SHOULD KEEP IT HERE AND TALK TO IT NOW AND THEN.

ALL RIGHT.

SOUNDS GREAT.

NIKO (GRIN)

.....

HEY...

YOU SAID BEFORE THAT YOU DON'T HAVE A NAME.

?

RIGHT... WHAT OF IT?

I WAS JUST THINKING, IF YOU'D LIKE ONE...

...YOU THINK YOU'D MIND IF I CALLED YOU "AZAMI"?

AZAMI...

NOTE: AZAMI MEANS "THISTLE."

SU (SHF)

KII (CREAK)

...WHAT-EVER.

GUTSU (BURBLE)

GUTSU

GUTSU

?.

GAH!!

WHY DID ANYONE BOTHER CREATING ME?

WHY DID A HUMAN HAVE TO FALL IN LOVE WITH ME?

AND WHAT ARE THESE EMOTIONS THAT SEEM TO FILL MY HEART?

NO MATTER HOW MANY SEASONS PASS, I MAY NEVER FIND THE ANSWERS.

BUT EVEN SO...

...AT SOME POINT IT DIDN'T SEEM TO MATTER.

I'M SO PROUD OF YOU...

...SHION.

WELL, YOU CAN'T USE IT, SO...

HMM? USE WHAT?

SHE LOVES IT WHEN YOU TALK TO HER.

...OH? YOU THINK?

THIS. I CALL THEM MY "FAVORING EYES."

I LEARNED HOW TO DO IT WHEN SHION WAS BORN...

AHH!

IT LETS ME SHOW "EMOTIONS" TO OTHER PEOPLE.

EE HEE!

WOW, I'M JEAL-OUS!

WILL I EVER GET A CHANCE AT THAT?

HA HA HA!

I HAVEN'T MET ANYONE WITH POWERS LIKE MINE.

SO I RATHER DOUBT YOU WILL.

AWW...

AM I...?

GUESS YOU'RE REAL SPECIAL AFTER ALL, HUH?

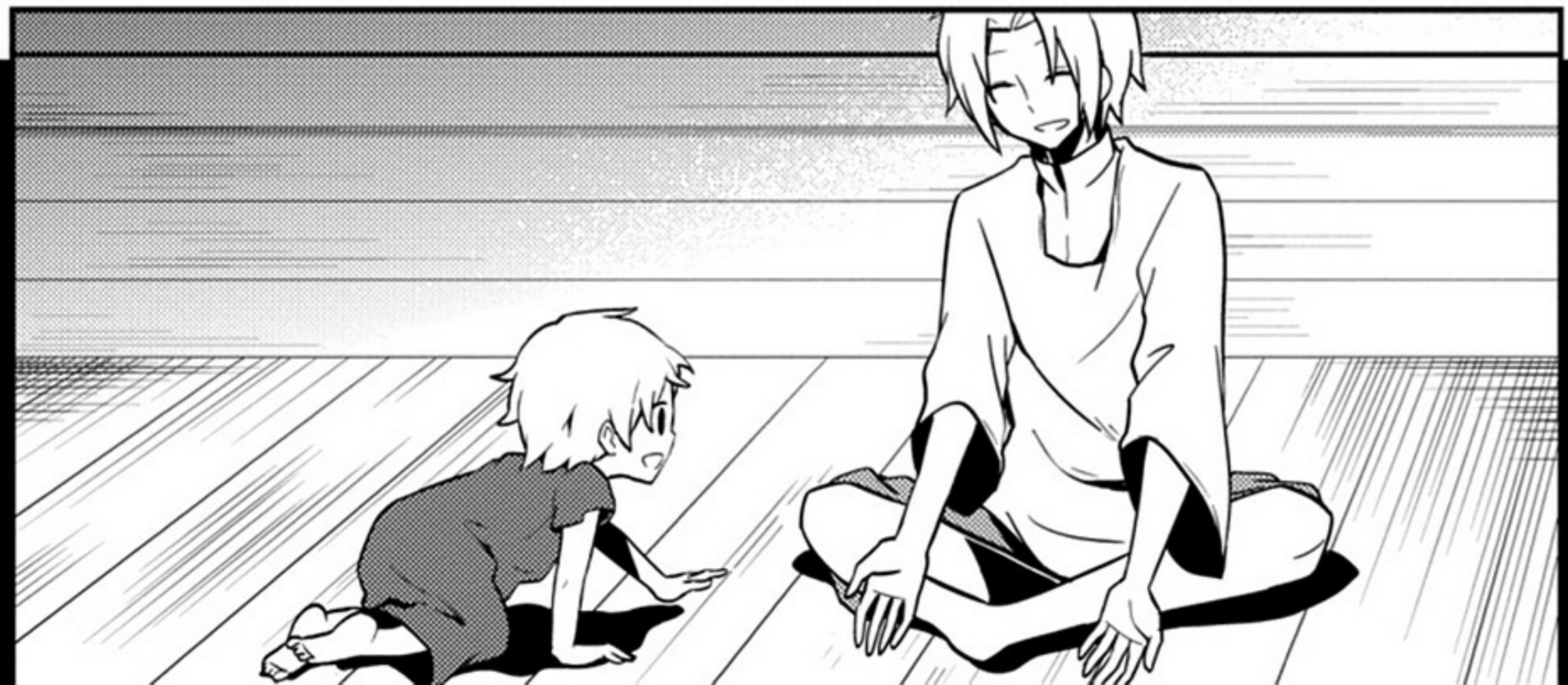
WELL, THAT'S TOO BAD.

AM I REALLY THAT SPECIAL?

I DON'T THINK I LOOK SO VERY DIFFERENT FROM YOU, AT LEAST...

...“TIME.”

AGAINST THE EXISTENCE OF “TIME”
AND ITS POWER TO EAT AWAY
AT LIFE WITHOUT PREJUDICE,
ALL CREATURES ARE POWERLESS,
DOOMED TO FALL INTO THE GREAT VOID.



THE HUMAN RACE IS NO EXCEPTION. IN THEIR COUNTING SYSTEM, MOST HUMANS DIE ONCE THEY HAVE LIVED FOR EIGHTY YEARS OR SO.

YES, ALL CREATURES EXCEPT ME FACE THE SAME FATE—DEATH—NO MATTER HOW MUCH THEY STRUGGLE.

SU (SHFF)

SHION'S FALLEN ASLEEP.

SHE'S PROBABLY BEAT AFTER ALL THE PLAYING WE DID TODAY.

I SEE.

YOU'D PROBABLY BETTER JOIN HER. YOU MUST BE PRETTY TIRED.

YEAH...

I WOULDN'T WANT TO OVERDO IT.

THINK I'LL HEAD FOR BED MYSELF.

.....

DON'T BE SILLY! MAYBE YOU'RE SHOWING IT LESS THAN ME, BUT I'M STILL YOUNG!

HECK, I COULD EVEN BUILD ANOTHER HOME FOR YOU TOMOR-ROW!

TSUKI-HIKO.

WHAA —!?

YOU'VE... GOTTEN PRETTY OLD, HUH?

YOU FOOL...

HE-H.

ANYWAY, GOOD NIGHT.

SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW.

SURE.

TOMOR-ROW...

NIKO (GRIN)

PATAN (SLAM)

KII (CREAK)

THINK...

POTA (DRIP)

POTA

POTA

THINK, THINK, THINK...!

THERE'S NOT ENOUGH TIME...

THE TIME TSUKIHIKO HAS LEFT TO LIVE IS ALMOST UP...

AND HOW LONG CAN SHION STAY ALIVE, FOR THAT MATTER...?

HOW CAN I KEEP THINGS AS THEY ARE?

HOW CAN I STOP TIME?

THERE HAS TO BE SOME METHOD...

... SOME WAY...

NGH...

RGH...

WHY ARE THESE POWERS OF MINE SO DAMN USELESS...!?

I'M NO "MONSTER" EITHER...!

GU CCLENCHD

I'M NOT "SPECIAL" AT ALL...

SOMEONE, HELP ME...

I DON'T WANT TO BE ALONE ANY LONGER...

SOME-
ONE...

TO BE CONTINUED

WELCOME, MY TROUBLED MASTER.

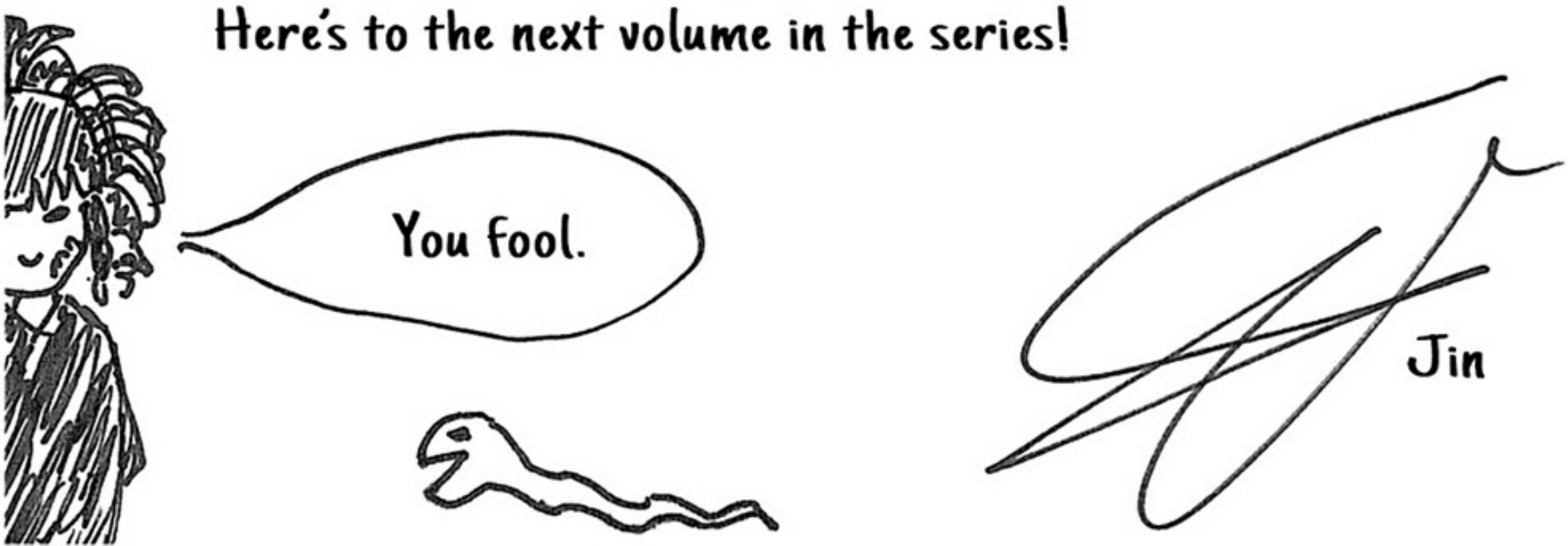
IT'S HERE!

VOL.7!

Congratulations on getting Volume 7 out. Congrats, and thank you very much. Now the manga version's totally caught up to the novels. That's something I'm overjoyed to see, of course, but it also makes me feel a bit guilty. Therefore, I've made it my mission of sorts to make sure the original manga stories I'm creating are even more exciting than the novels, so hopefully that'll help earn me some forgiveness.

That aside, my handwriting's getting so messy that I'm honestly starting to get anxious. I feel like it's getting messier and messier with each passing volume. What an ordeal.

Here's to the next volume in the series!



CONGRATULATIONS ON THE RELEASE OF MANGA VOLUME 7.

THANKS FOR EVERYTHING!

RECENTLY, IT FEELS LIKE THE LATEST VOLUME JUST POPS UP IN MY OFFICE WHEN I'M LEAST EXPECTING IT, LIKE A GIFT FROM SANTA CLAUS. THANKS, SANTA!

SIDU

WE'RE HERE IN VOLUME 7!!

WHEN THE SERIES FIRST STARTED UP, I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE FOUR SUMMERS PASS ME BY WHILE DRAWING THIS MANGA. WHAT A BLESSING IT'S BEEN...!! I KEEP A CAT AND A RABBIT AT HOME, BUT THE MANGA'S GONE ON LONG ENOUGH THAT THEY'RE BOTH PRACTICALLY IN THEIR GOLDEN YEARS. I'LL KEEP ON PLUGGING AWAY AT THIS, SO I HOPE YOU'LL STICK AROUND TOO!!!

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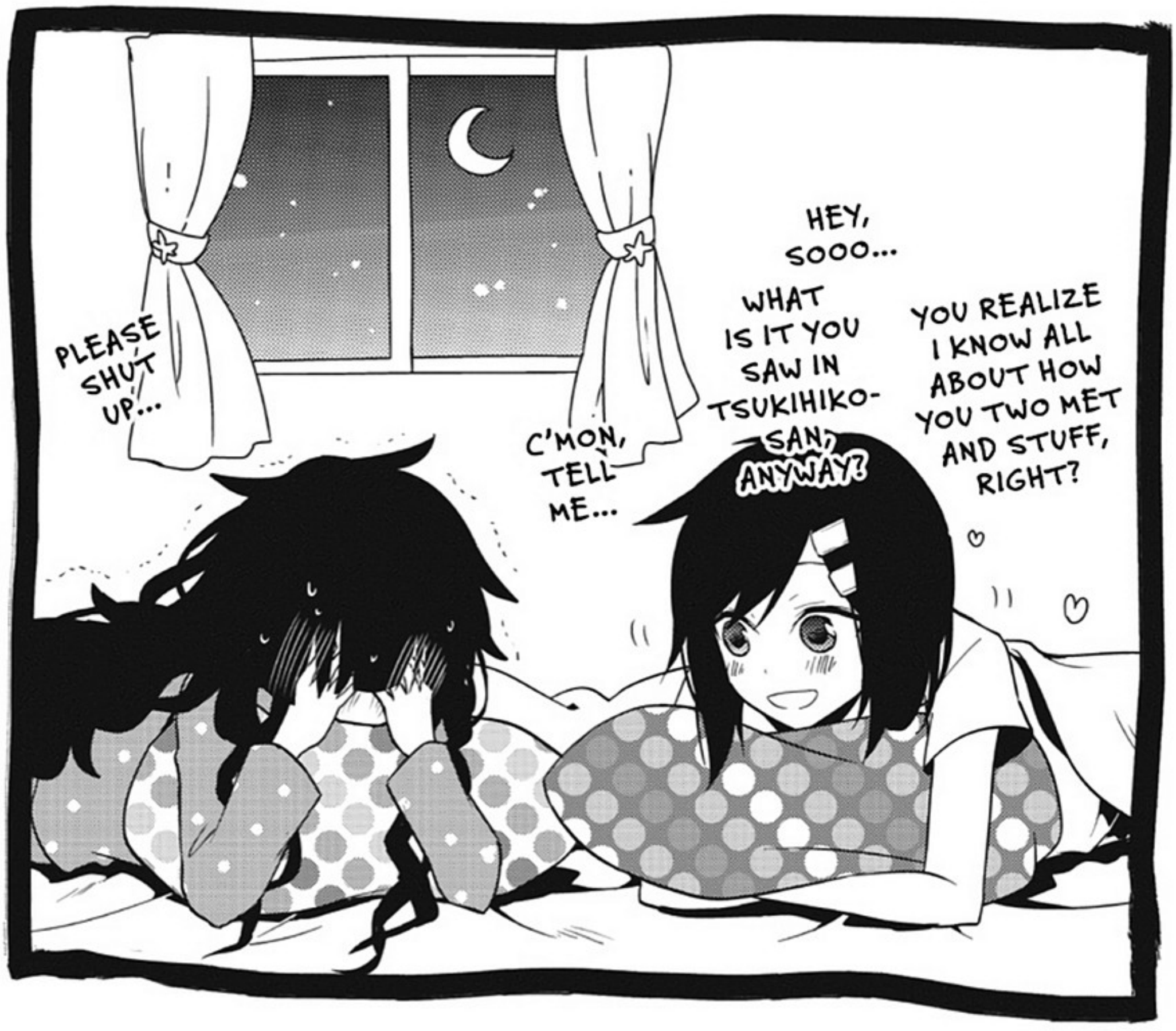
PLEASE SHUT UP...
C'MON, TELL ME...
HEY, SOOO...
WHAT IS IT YOU SAW IN TSUKIHIKO-SAN, ANYWAY?
YOU REALIZE I KNOW ALL ABOUT HOW YOU TWO MET AND STUFF, RIGHT?

LATE-NIGHT GIRL TALK

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